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COUNTY OF MID-LOTHIAN.

GAME DUTY.

A LIST of CERTIFICATES iſſued in the County aforeſaid, with reſpect to the ſaid duty, between the 25th March and the 1ſt October 1785, purſuant to an act of the laſt ſeſſion of Parliament, granting a duty on ſuch Certificates:—

A.

Abes, Major, Edinburgh Caſtle
Anderſon, Francis, Eſq; Edinburgh
Armſtrong, Edward, Eſq; advocate there
Arbuthnot, Capt. Alexander, ditto
Armſtroug, Capt. William, 64th regiment, ditto
Anderſon, Mr Peter, at Malleny
Andrew, Mr J. Edinburgh
Aitchiſon, Mr John, St Clement's Wells
Anderſon, John, at Bankhead

B.

Buccleugh, His Grace the Duke of
Baird, Sir James, Bart. Saughton-hall
Baird, Robert, Eſq; of Newbyth
Bowmaker, Mr James, Hatton
Balfour, Col. Nilbet, 23d regiment
Bartlett, F. B. D. 70th regiment
Baillie, James, Eſq; Culterallers
Brown, Mr John, writer, Edinburgh
Bruce, Mr James, ditto
Biggar, Mr Robert, ditto
Biggar, Mr Walter, ditto
Bell, Mr H. ditto
Bell, Mr William, jun. Leith
Balfour, Mr John, at Milnbank
Bogue, Robert, Eſq; of Newhall, advocate
Blyth, Mr John, at Revilridge
Brunner, Mr Charles, Edinburgh
Bruce, Mr George, writer, ditto
Bruce, James, Eſq; 54th regiment
Boyle, James, Eſq; Muſſelburgh
Bruce, Mr Charles, ditto
Brown, Walter, Eſq; of Currie
Baxter, John, Eſq; of Springfield
Buchan, John, Eſq; writer to the ſignet
Bannet, Andrew, Eſq; Duddingſtone

C.

Clerk, Sir John, Bart. of Pennycuick
Cockburn, Arch. Eſq; of Cockpen
Craig, Thomas, Eſq; of Riccartoun
Colt, Robert, Eſq; of Auldholm
Chriſtie, John, Eſq; of Babberton
Chriſtie, Archibald, of Ratho
Chriſtie, Mr Arch. jun. of ditto
Chriſtie, Mr Andrew, of ditto
Chriſtie, Capt. John, Muſſelburgh
Charters, William-Henry, Eſq; Edinburgh
Campbell, Captain Colin, 42d regiment
Clerk, Mr Andrew, Hatton
Carmichael, Mr A. Edinburgh
Chriſtie, Captain Alexander, of the navy, Inverеſk
Campbell, Captain William, 24th regiment
Cullen, Dr Henry, phyſician, Edinburgh
Clerk, James, Eſq; advocate
Craigie, William-Charles, Eſq; writer to the ſignet
Cay, Robert Hodſhen, Eſq; of North Charetown, Edinburgh
Chalmers, Mr Thomſon, Edinburgh
Cunningham, William, Eſq; of Bandalloch
Clerk, James, Croſſecauſeway

D.

Dundas, Right Hon. Henry, of Melvill
Down, Hon. John Lord, Drumſheugh
Dunbar, Sir Geo. Bart. of Mochrum
Dundas, Robert, Eſq; his Majeſty's Solicitor-General
Dewar, James, Eſq; of Vogrie
Dewar, Lieutenant David, Edinburgh
Dundas, Lieut. Col. Alexander, late of the 8th regiment
Douglas, Mr Robert, Laſſwade
Davidſon, Mr John, Canongate
Davidſon, Col. William, of the 1ſt or Royal regiment of dragoons
Dundas, Captain Ralph, Edinburgh
Dundas, William, Eſq; ditto
Davie, John, Eſq; of Brotherſtone
Dalrymple, Hugh, Eſq; Edinburgh
Douglas, Captain John, of Jeanfield
Dundas, John, Eſq; writer to the ſignet
Davidſon, William, Eſq; of Muirhouſe
Dalrymple, James, Eſq; late of the 57th regiment
Dunbar, Mr William, writer to the ſignet
Dickſon, John, Eſq; writer, Edinburgh
Dick, Captain William, 10th regiment of foot
Drummond, Archibald, Eſq; Drumſheugh
Dundas, Mr Geo. writer, Edinburgh

E.

Erſkine, Major Archibald, Edinburgh
Laſton, Mr John, writer, ditto

F.

Ferguſſon, Alex. Eſq; of Craigdarroch
Falconer, Colin, Eſq; Woodcoat-park
Falconer, Dr Alexander, Edinburgh
Fogo, Mr James, writer, ditto
Fairfax, Captain William-George, of Grange, ditto
Fraſer, Simon, Eſq; of Foord
Ferguſſon, Neil, Eſq; advocate
Farquharſon, Alexander, Eſq; of Heughton
Farquharſon, Mr Francis, his ſon
Forbes, John, Eſq; Edinburgh

G.

Gordon, Coſmo, Eſq; Baron of Exchequer
Gray, Mr Andrew, at Libberton
Gordon, James, Eſq; Edinburgh
Gray, Mr James, of Randyfoord
Grant, Colonel, of Moey, Edinburgh
Grant, William, Eſq; advocate
Gray, Mr James, writer, Edinburgh
Gibſon, Mr A. Edinburgh

H.

Hope, the Hon. Alexander, Edinburgh
Hope, ditto John, ditto
Hope, Sir Archibald, of Pinkie, Baronet
Hay, Major George, Muſſelburgh
Henderſon, Adam, at Inverеſk
Hamilton, Mr John, Edinburgh
Hamilton, James Eſq; Roſebank
Hamilton, John, Eſq; ditto
Hope, Robert, Eſq; Edinburgh
Hunter, Mr Andrew, ſurgeon, Dalkeith
Hepburn, Geo. Eſq; of Cult
Houſton, Andrew, Eſq; junior, of Calderhall
Houſton, Captain William, 19th regiment
Hiſlop, James, huntſman, Barrowmuirhead
Hope, Captain Erſkine, Edinburgh
Hope, Archibald, Eſq; Greenhill
Haggart, John, Eſq; of Cairnmuir, advocate
Hepburn, Robert, Eſq; of Clerkington
Henderſon, Robert, Eſq; of Fordel, Edinburgh
Haig, Captain James, ditto
Haig, Mr William, ditto
Hay, Captain Andrew, of the 3d regiment of guards
Horſeburgh, Capt. Edwin, Inverеſk
Hepburn, Mr Samuel, Edinburgh
Hay, John, Eſq; banker, ditto
Hamilton, Mr Gavin, of the 2d regiment of dragoon guards

I.

Innes, Gilbert, Eſq; of Stow
Irvine, Captain Robert, of the 70th regiment
Jackſon, Mr J. Edinburgh
Inglis, Captain Charles, of the navy, there
Jamieſon, Mr John, jun. Leith

K.

Kerr, James, Eſq; of Blackſhiell, Edinburgh
Keith, William, Eſq; accomptant, ditto
Kilpatrick, George, Eſq; ditto
Knox, Mr Archibald, Leith
Kelly, Mr John, Reſtalrigg

L.

Lauder, Mr Colin, ſurgeon, Edinburgh

M.

Maitland, Lord Viſcount, Hatton
Maitland, Hon. William Morden, ditto
Maxwell, Col. William, of Thornton, Edinburgh
Macintoſh, Captain John, of Harwood, ditto
Macmillan, Thomas, Eſq; Shorthope, Muſſelburgh
Murray, James Wolfe, Eſq; advocate
Murray, Mr William, Laſſwade
Manſfield, Mr James, banker, Edinburgh
Moubray, Mr John, ditto
Moubray, Mr Henry, Midcalder
Mackellar, Mr John, ditto
Mackenzie, Henry, Eſq; Edinburgh
Millar, Alexander, Eſq; advocate
Mitchelſon, Samuel, junior, Nicolſon's-ſtreet
Melvill, Major John, of Cairney, Edinburgh
Millar, Mr William, of Southfield
Murrieſon, James, Eſq; of Dumbrae, Weſt-Calder

N.

Norton, Fletcher, Eſq; Baron of Exchequer
Newlands, Lieut. John, of Lochhead
Nilbet, Mr Walter, writer, Edinburgh

O.

Orme, Alexander, Eſq; Edinburgh
Oliphant, William, Eſq; Leith
Ogg, Mr John, Edinburgh

P.

Preſton, William, Eſq; of Gorton
Pringle, Lieut. Col. Thomas, Edinburgh
Pattiſon, Mr J. ditto

R.

Robertſon, Captain David, of the 71ſt regiment
Robertſon, Mr. Edinburgh
Rainy, Mr James, Quality-ſtreet, Leith
Rollo, Captain Robert, late of the 57th regiment
Ramſay, George, Eſq; of Whitehill
Ramage, Mr James, Edinburgh
Rutherford, Lieut. Richard James, ditto
Ramſay, David, Eſq; Muſſelburgh
Ramſay, William, jun. Eſq; banker
Rochead, James, Eſq; Inverleith
Ramſay, Alexander, Eſq; of Burnriggs, Edinburgh

S.

Sommerville, Right Hon. Lord
Sandilands, Hon. Alexander, Calderhouſe
Suttie, Sir James of Balgone, Bart. Edinburgh
Sandilands, Matthew, Eſq; writer to the ſignet
Spottiſwood, Mr James, writer in Edinburgh
Sievewright, Thomas, Eſq; of Southhouſe
Scott, Mr William, ſollicitor at law, Edinburgh
Scott, Mr Charles, ditto
Sharp, Mr Francis, ditto
Sherriff, Mr John, of Captain Bank, ditto
Sandilands, Mr Peter, Charles's-ſtreet, ditto
Spence, Mr Robert, dentiſt, ditto
Shaw, George, Eſq; of Carſy Bank
Scott, Lieut. Robert, 99th regiment
Scott, George, Eſq; of Mellcny
Stewart, Mr Robert, writer, Edinburgh
Smith, Mr A. ditto
Sawers, Mr John, ditto
Sawers, Mr Henry, ditto
Stewart, Hugh, Eſq; ſon of Sir John Stewart
Sommerville, Mr W. Graſsmarket, Edinburgh
Scott, Capt. of the 53d regiment
Swinton, J. Eſq; advocate

T.

Trotter, Thomas, Eſq; of Mortonhall
Tait, William, Eſq; of Pirn
Tyther, Capt. of the 56th regiment
Terrence, Alexander, of Preſton, Edinburgh
Thomſon, Mr Gavin, ſurgeon in the Navy, Roſlin
Tait, Mr Alexander, Reſtalridge
Todd, Captain Alexander, Edinburgh
Todd, Archibald, Eſq; writer to the ſignet, ditto
Thomſon, Mr John of Burnhouſe
Taylor, John, Eſq; writer to the ſignet

W.

Weir, Hon. Charles Hope, Eſq; of Craigiehall
Watſon, Charles, Eſq; of Saughton
Wright, Alexander, Eſq; Edinburgh
White, Mr James, ditto
Wight, Mr David, ditto
Wilſon, William, Eſq; of Wilſinton, ditto
Wylie, Mr James of Cockridge, ditto
Wilſon, Mr David at Roſlin
Wight, Alexander, Eſq; advocate
Wauchope, Andrew, Eſq; of Niddry
Williſon, George, Eſq; George's Street, Edinburgh
Wauchope, John, Eſq; of Edmonſtone
Wauchope, James, younger of ditto
Wymeſs, Captain James, late of the 87th regiment
Woodhead, Mr Anthony, ſollicitor at law, Edinburgh

Y.

Young, M. Thomas, of the 1ſt or Royal regiment of foot

GAME-KEEPERS.

Game-keepers Names.	*By whom appointed.*
C.	
Clark, James, fowler to	The Earl of Moray
Clark, James, gamekeeper to	Hon. Cha. Hope Weir of Craigiehall
Campbell, Donald, ſervant to	Robert Dundas, jun. of Arniſton
D.	
Dick, John, park-keeper to	His Grace the Duke of Buccleugh
F.	
Flint, John, ſon to	James Flint of Moorhall
G.	
Gilchriſt, James, ſervant to	John Chriſtie of Babberton
Gibſon, William, in Boghall	Sir John Clerk of Pennycuick, Bart.
H.	
Howieſon, Archibald, in Calder	James Lord Torphichen
Hardie, Alexander, gardener to	David Johnſton of Bavelaw
Henniaw, John, at Burnſtain	Right Hon. James Earl of Aberdour
M.	
Maſterton, Dougall, in Edinburgh	James Dewar of Vogrie
Mead, William, ſervant to	Alexander Trotter of Mortonhall
N.	
Napier, James, in Portſburgh	Charles Watſon of Saughton
S.	
Smellie, William, ſon to	Peter Smellie of Adderwall
W.	
Wilſon, James, ſervant to	Thomas Craig of Riccarton

W. LOCKHART, Sheriff Clerk Depute.

By order of his Majeſty's Commiſſioners for managing the Stamp Duties.
JOHN BRETTELL, Secretary.

EXCISE LICENSES.

Exciſe Office, Edinburgh, 24th October 1785.

HIS Majeſty's COMMISSIONERS of EXCISE having received information, that divers perſons do carry on the buſineſs of

MALTSTERS, or MAKERS of MALT, (for Sale, and not for Exportation,)
COMMON BREWERS,
RETAILERS of SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS,
DEALERS in BRANDY, or other SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS,
TANNERS,
TAWERS,
DRESSERS of HIDES and SKINS in OIL,
CURRIERS,
STARCH-MAKERS,
SOAP-MAKERS,
MAKERS, or VENDERS of WAX or SPERMACETI CANDLES,
MAKERS of TALLOW CANDLES,
VINEGAR MAKERS,
PAPER STAINERS, or PAPER MAKERS,
CALLICO or LINEN PRINTERS,
VELLUM or PARCHMENT MAKERS,
TRADERS in, or VENDERS of GOLD or SILVER PLATE,
TRADERS in, or VENDERS of COFFEE, TEA, or CHOCOLATE,
COACH-MAKERS,

} Without Licenſe, contrary to law,

do hereby give notice, That unleſs they do forthwith take out Licenſes, they will be proſecuted as the acts of Parliament direct.

And the Commiſſioners do hereby give further notice, That if thoſe perſons who were licenſed laſt year, and continue in the ſame buſineſs, do not immediately renew their Licenſes they will be proſecuted for the penalty directed by the acts.

By order of the Commiſſioners,
JOHN THOMSON Secretary.

DUTY ON ALE LICENSES.

STAMP-OFFICE, EDINBURGH, *October* 25. 1785.

WHEREAS the time now approaches for taking out Licenſes for Retailing Ale, Beer, and other Exciſeable Liquors within Royal Burghs, Shires, and Stewartries,—Theſe are therefore intimating to all ſuch perſons who are Retailers aforeſaid, that if they do not take out their Licenſes within the reſpective days appointed by act of Parliament, they will be proſecuted as the law directs, for the ſeveral penalties enacted by the ſtatutes, in that caſe made and provided.

GEO. BUCHAN, Solicitor.

N. B. The Duties now payable for a Licenſe, are as follow:

By the act 1756,	L. 1	0 0
Ditto, 1784,	0	10 6
And to the Clerk for filling up and recording,	0	1 0
	L. 1	11 6

A LETTER, ſubſcribed *A True Highlandman*

has been received by the Honourable Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms; and they hereby give notice, that they have ordered an enquiry to be made as ſuggeſted; and if the writer will give a more pointed account of the veſſels and perſons concerned in the frauds mentioned to the Board, or to the Collector or Comptroller of the port he has condeſcended on, due encouragement and reward ſhall be given to him, or ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall lead to a diſcovery, and the conviction of thoſe concerned.

By Order of the Commiſſioners,
Cuſtomhouſe, Edinburgh, Oct. 27. 1785. R. E. PHILIP, Sec.

COUNTY OF AYR.

October 25. 1785.

AT a meeting held here this day, in conſequence of advertiſements publiſhed in the news-papers, by order of the Convener, calling a meeting of the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Commiſſioners of Supply of this county, to take under their conſideration a Bill now pending in Parliament, for diminiſhing the number, and increaſing the ſalaries of the Judges of the Courts of Seſſion and Exchequer in Scotland, they came to the following Reſolutions:

I. RESOLVED, That the articles of the Union between England and Scotland, cannot be infringed by the Britiſh Parliament, without the conſent of the people of Scotland; becauſe the number of members from Scotland being inconſiderable, compared with the number of members from England, thoſe articles, upon the faith of which Scotland reſigned her independency, if not immutable, would be nugatory.

II. RESOLVED, That the permanency of the Court of Seſſion, as conſtituted at the time of the Union, being one of thoſe articles, the attempt to alter that conſtitution, without conſulting the people of Scotland, was moſt improper and diſreſpectful.

III. RESOLVED, That we will not conſent to a change in the conſtitution of the Court of Seſſion, by diminiſhing the number of the Judges, unleſs Parliament ſhall at the ſame time, grant us the privilege of a Jury in civil cauſes, or ſome other mode by which the forms of procedure may be ſhortened, and law-ſuits rendered leſs tedious and expenſive, with the approbation of the people of Scotland.

(Signed) HUGH MONTGOMERIE, Preſes.
By order of the Meeting, JOHN BOSWELL, Clk.

COUNTY OF HADDINGTON.

Haddington, 25th October, 1785.

A NUMEROUS and reſpectable Meeting of the Landed Intereſt of the county of Eaſt Lothian, and the chief Magiſtrates of the Royal Burghs within the ſame, having taken the intended reduction of the Judges of the Court of Seſſion, under their ſerious conſideration, they unanimouſly reſolved,

1ſt, That the ſalaries of the ſupreme Judges in the Court of civil juriſdiction in this part of the united kingdom, ought to be augmented, becauſe their ſalaries are very inadequate to the fatigue and the importance of the office, and the rank which a ſupreme Judge muſt ſupport.

2d, That a reaſonable augmentation of the ſalaries of our ſupreme Judges, belongs to this part of the united kingdom, as a matter of right, becauſe, it is founded in the firſt principles of the treaty of Union, that the ſalaries of the ſupreme Judges, in both parts of the united kingdom, ſhould bear a juſt proportion to each other, the expence of living in each part being conſidered.

3d, That to reduce the number of our Judges, merely to increaſe the ſalaries of thoſe that remain, is below the dignity of the Britiſh empire.

4th, That the beſt ſecurity freemen can poſſeſs againſt partiality or arbitrary principles in a Judge, is a trial by Jury, which was the ancient law of Scotland.

5th, That as the ſupreme Court of this part of the united kingdom is now conſtituted, where our Judges diſcharge the duty both of Judge and Jury, the next beſt ſecurity conſiſts in the number of our Judges.

6th, That it is contrary to the nineteenth article of the treaty of Union to leſſen the number of our Judges, unleſs *for the better adminiſtration of juſtice*; and, therefore, that in no event, can a reduction take place, until the plan of conducting the buſineſs before the propoſed new-modelled Court ſhall be aſcertained and underſtood, and the nation ſatisfied, that the buſineſs, now confeſſedly a grievous load upon fifteen Judges, can be executed with equal ſecurity and diſpatch to the ſubject by a leſſer number of Judges. And appointed the Preſes of this meeting, Sir David Kinloch, Sir James Suttie, Mr Buchan Hepburn of Smeaton, Mr Law of Elvingſton, Mr Brown of Coalſton, Mr Lindſay of Eagleſcairnie, and Mr Charteris junior, as a Committee, any two to be a quorum, to meet with the Committees that may be appointed by the other counties to attend to this matter, if the bill now depending in Parliament for that purpoſe ſhall be again moved in.

And the Meering having alſo taken the preſent ſtate of the Diſtillery Laws under their conſideration,

Reſolved, That the diſtillery is a very proper ſubject for taxation, and that it cannot be too highly taxed, if Government can ſecure to the diſtiller the excluſive right to the Britiſh market; but while the duties are ſo high, that the ſmuggler can underſell the Britiſh diſtiller, high duties cannot produce an effectual revenue, and tend only to increaſe ſmuggling, and thereby to encourage the agriculture of a foreign country, to the prejudice of the Britiſh farmer, and the conſequent loſs of the landed intereſt.

Reſolved, That the preſent method of levying the duties upon the diſtillery is very expenſive to Government, and highly oppreſſive and embarraſſing to the diſtiller, by truſting too much to the diſcretion of the inferior officers, and expoſing the trader to heavy penalties and confiſcations: *That a licenſe in proportion to the contents of the ſtill* will put every trader upon an equal footing, will yield a greater productive revenue than is now received; and will relieve the trader from many embarraſſing reſtraints: That the repreſentative for this county is hereby inſtructed to promote in parliament ſuch alterations in the exciſe laws as will enable the diſtiller to underſell the ſmuggler: That ſmuggling has of late increaſed to a moſt enormous extent in this part of the united kingdom, and calls for the ſerious attention and interpoſition of the Legiſlature, and the exertion of every good citizen, to put a ſtop to ſo pernicious a practice.

Reſolved, That while high duties invite the ſmuggler to run riſques, no laws, however penal, will effectually prevent ſmuggling.

And appointed the Gentlemen named upon the former Committee with Provoſt Fall, as a Committee, to correſpond with the repreſentative for the county in parliament, and to meet with the Committees for the other counties and burghs in Scotland, and to take ſuch other meaſures as may appear neceſſary to have the diſtillery laws amended.

Reſolved, That all the counties and royal burghs in Scotland, not included in the late act for regulating diſtilleries in the northern counties, ſhall be wrote to, requeſting a general meeting at Edinburgh upon this important ſubject.

And appointed the firſt meeting of the Committee of this county to be held at the Exchange coffeehouſe in Edinburgh, upon Monday the 12th day of December next, at twelve o'clock mid-day.

And appointed theſe Reſolutions to be publiſhed in the Edinburgh newſpapers, and in the London Chronicle.

HEW DALRYMPLE, P.

A GRASS PARK, NEAR EDINBURGH.

TO be LET in Paſture, for four years after Martinmas next, by public roup, within the houſe of John Marr, vintner at Dean, upon Friday the 4th day of November next, between the hours of 11 and 12 forenoon,

An incloſure at Dean, called the ORCHARD PARK, meaſuring about twelve acres and a half, with a Pigeon-houſe and ſmall Dwelling-houſe within the park.

A. Alexander, ground-officer at Dean, will ſhow the premiſſes; and the articles of roup may be ſeen by applying to William Balderſton writer to the ſignet.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, *Oct.* 25.

Whitehall, Oct. 25.

THE King has been pleaſed to preſent the Reverend Alexander Molleſon to be firſt miniſter of the church of Montroſe, in the room of the Reverend Dr Charles Niſbet.

LLOYD's LIST, *Oct.* 25.

THE Diana, Walker, and the Diana, Hunt, (both of Briſtol) were well at Dominica after the hurricane on the 26th of Auguſt.

The Kitty and Nancy, Smith, from Narva for Liverpool, paſſed Elſinore the 7th inſtant.

The Elizabeth, Walton, from Peterſburgh, drove from her moorings in the Mole, and run on ſhore, but it is hoped will be got off.

LONDON, *Oct.* 25.

This being the anniverſary of his Majeſty's acceſſion to the throne, their Majeſties received the compliments of the nobility at Windſor on the occaſion; the flag from the tower at the Caſtle was diſplayed, and the Caſtle guns fired. The ſame was obſerved in town as uſual, by the firing of the Park and Tower guns.

The entertainment at the Queen's houſe in the Caſtle-yard, Windſor, this day, was to conſiſt of a dinner to the Royal Family, and a ball in the evening, with refreſhments, but no ſupper. The Duke of Cumberland is to be of the party.

Their Royal Highneſſes the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cumberland were in the King's box, at Covent-Garden Theatre, laſt night, without attendants, and in an undreſs.

On Thurſday next both Houſes of Parliament will meet purſuant to his Majeſty's Royal proclamation, and the Lord Chancellor will then, by virtue of his Majeſty's commiſſion, prorogue both Houſes to the firſt of December.

Parliament, it is now ſaid, will meet for the diſpatch of buſineſs about the 7th of February.

There is to be a meeting of all the law officers of the Crown this evening at the Lord Chancellor's, on very particular buſineſs. Lord Mansfield is alſo expected to be preſent. The whiſper goes, that ſome flaw in one of the tax bills of laſt ſeſſion is the occaſion thereof.

We hear that a regulation will ſpeedily be adopted by the Lords of the Admiralty, in favour of the Surgeons of his Majeſty's navy. It is reported they will be advanced to the rank of commiſſioned officers, and their ſervices more liberally rewarded by an increaſe of their half-pay. Their widows, it is alſo ſaid, are to be allowed ſimilar penſions with the relicts of Lieutenants and Maſters.

This day a requiſition, ſigned by a great number of the Livery, was preſented by Mr Alderman Skinner to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, for a Common Hall, to take into conſideration ſome ſpirited reſolutions, and for inſtructing their repreſentatives in Parliament reſpecting the ſhop-tax; and it was expected his Lordſhip would iſſue his precepts for convening one ſome day next week.

On Sunday evening laſt, the Lady of William Adam, Eſq; was ſafely delivered of a daughter, at his houſe in Lincoln's-inn-fields.

The ſudden and unexpected return of the Duke of Cumberland to this country, juſt at the time when his Royal Highneſs had intimated a deſign of viſiting Rome, has given riſe to various conjectures. We are well informed, that the real occaſion of his return is a propoſal from his Majeſty, to pay his debts on condition of his ſurrender of the Rangerſhip of Windſor Great Park. To this propoſal the Duke has agreed, and the matter is ſettled. We have not learned what are his Majeſty's intentions with reſpect to the Rangerſhip.

The following is the anſwer given by order of the Cabinet to the Pruſſian Miniſter by M. de Facciola, Secretary of the French embaſſy at Berlin, viz. "That the King of France was of opinion, that a conſtitutional league, tending only to preſerve the conſtitution and peace of Germany, was a work worthy of the King's wiſdom: That his Majeſty's ardent prayer was for the preſervation of tranquillity in the empire, as well as through all Europe."

On Wedneſday laſt, was preſented to his Majeſty, by the Portugueſe Miniſter, ——— Macdonald, Eſq; Captain of horſe in the ſervice of Portugal; and on Thurſday the ſame gentleman was preſented to the Queen, and moſt graciouſly received.

Mr Ruſhworth's bill for aboliſhing all fees, &c. on cockets and bonds upon all goods conveyed to and *from* the Iſle of Wight, has given riſe to a number of meetings at ſeveral towns on the coaſt, where the merchants, traders, &c. conſider themſelves as equally aggrieved, and have determined to petition Parliament for a ſimilar purpoſe.

The London Packet, Capt. Truxton, is arrived at Philadelphia, after a fine paſſage, and landed Dr Frankline in good health. Upon which occaſion the city was illuminated, with other demonſtrations of joy.

The ſecond-rate men of war now building in the River are the Impregnable of 90 guns; Windſor Caſtle 98 guns; Boyne, of 98, and Prince of 90 guns. The two firſt at Deptford, and the others at Woolwich.

It was really diſtreſſing to ſee the long faces of the bears yeſterday at the Bank. So rapid a riſe, which is likely to produce a difference of about ſeven per cent. at the next ſettling, makes us think that many a family will be put to great diſtreſs, or that there will be more of the *feathered kind* than on the laſt account.

The rage of robbing, which for a conſiderable time has reigned, like an epidemical diſeaſe, in this city and its avenues, calls aloud on the legiſlature to deviſe ſome mode of efficacious protection for the lives and properties of the people. Pope Sixtus the fifth, one of the wiſeſt and moſt reſolute princes of his age, being wearied out and grieved with the daily report of murders and robberies, committed in the city and territory of Rome, adopted two meaſures equally ſevere and juſt: the one never to pardon a convicted criminal on any interceſſion, let his rank or fortune be what they would: and the other, to give no time after ſentence paſſed. One morning the officers of police acquainted his Holineſs, that a Neapolitan Count, named Caraffa, was in the cuſtody of the Sbirri, or town guard, for killing a waiter at a tavern. Well, replied the Pope, don't you know my orders? Let the criminal judges try the fact next Thurſday. That is rather ſoon, anſwered the officer; perhaps the Count cannot be ready at ſo ſhort a notice. Pſha! ſaid his Holineſs, he never conſulted the poor waiter about the article of time, and I am reſolved he ſhall be dealt with in the ſame manner. The day came, and the Count was convicted on the cleareſt evidence; but the judges, out of reſpect to his quality, referred the ſentence to the Pope himſelf, which Sixtus pronounced in the preſence of the Neapolitan Ambaſſador, who interceded for his countryman, but in vain, "Take him away ſaid the Pope, and cut off his head: I have too long liſtened to ſolicitations; I have pardoned too many villains; and ſince lenity will not do, I muſt ſhew the people that I am really, not nominally, a terror to evil doers." This poſitive behaviour threw the whole city into conſternation, but it had a good effect, for a murder or robbery was not heard of in Rome for above three years after this ſpeedy trial and execution.

PRICE OF STOCKS, Oct. 25.

Bank Stock, —	3 per cent. Old Ann. 63¾ a 63.
5 per cent. Ann. 103¾ a 102¾ a ¾.	Ditto New Ann. —
	Ditto 1751, —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777 ſhut, 82⅞ a ¼ a ⅜ open.	India Stock, —
	3 per cent. Ann. —
3 per cent. con. 65½ a ¾ a ⅝ a ¾ a ½.	India Bonds paid, —
	Ditto unpaid, 25 prem.
3 per cent. red. 64⅜ a ½.	Navy Bills, —
Long Ann. 19 15-16ths a 20.	Exch. Bills, 14 prem.
3 per cent. 1726, —	Lottery Tickets, 14 l. 10 s. 6 d. a 11 s.
Short Ann. 1778, 13½ a ⅝ a ½.	
South Sea Stock, —	

WIND AT DEAL, Oct. 24. S. W.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, Oct. 25.

"It is with great pleaſure we underſtand, that Mr Alderman Sawbridge, one of the repreſentatives of the city of London, is in a fair way of recovery. During this gentleman's illneſs, his life being deſpaired of, Mr Alderman Skinner was invited to canvaſs as a candidate to ſucceed him as member of Parliament; and although he declined it from motives of delicacy, his fellow-citizens left him no room to doubt, by their profeſſions of regard and attachment, that, in caſe of a vacancy, he would have been choſen without any conteſt; ſo much has his oppoſition to the ſhop-tax endeared him to his fellow-citizens.

"The Shop-keepers and inhabitants of the cities of London and Weſtminſter, are taking every ſtep in their power, to oppoſe or check the collecting the Shop-tax; and ſeveral very ſpirited reſolutions, it is ſuppoſed, will be entered into next week, at the Common-hall, to be held on that important ſubject, of the Livery of London.

"The public entertainment is likely to ſuffer much; for though Mr Colman is not dead, or without hopes of his living, the faculty are without any expectations of his ever getting his health again, ſo as to enable him to do any buſineſs. Should this prove the caſe, his theatre in the Hay Market, ſo much the favourite of the town, will be under the management of Mr Colman, junior."

Mr William Anderſon, clerk to the ſignet, died here yeſterday.

Died at Cupar in Angus, on Monday the 24th current, Mrs Ann Nairne, widow of the deceaſed William Stewart, Eſq; late Lieutenant of his Majeſty's navy.

On Sunday the 23d current, died Mr William Cochrane, painter in Glaſgow, a man poſſeſſed of great merit, and his works will record him to poſterity as an artiſt of eminence; although, from an unuſual modeſty and diffidence, he could never be prevailed upon to put his name to any of his works: ambition was not his aim, but aſſiduous to pleaſe.

We mentioned in our laſt, that a Committee of three members of the Town Council had met with an equal number of proprietors of houſes and ſhops ſituated on the High Street, in order to accommodate matters regarding the levelling of that ſtreet. The reſult of this meeting was yeſterday laid before a full Council, called together for the purpoſe of receiving the report of their Committee, when it was agreed to reſtrict the levelling at the Tron Church to the depth of five feet, and ſo in proportion to other parts of the ſtreet; the plain-ſtones to have a declivity of one inch in twelve; the deſcent from theſe to the cauſeway, not to exceed twenty inches; and, beſides the indemnifications formerly offered the proprietors, if they ſhall conſent to the levelling going on, as now propoſed, to pay whatever expences may have been incurred by them in the proceſs of ſuſpenſion, and to indemnify any proprietor whoſe vaults may be hurt or rendered leſs commodious by carrying the plan into execution. Laſt night, the ſame Committee which met on Wedneſday, had another meeting, when, we are happy to learn, an accommodation took place, which we hope will be finally approved of by the general meeting of proprietors on Monday next, and the ſiſt taken off, ſo that the work may again proceed. The removal of the City Guard, which has long and juſtly been conſidered as a great nuiſance, we are informed, will be immediately ſet about, the Magiſtrates having already agreed with the proprietors of the Old Aſſembly Room, for the purpoſe of converting it into a temporary Guard-houſe.

The following Noblemen and Gentlemen were elected members of the Caledonian Hunt, at their laſt meeting at Kelſo:—

Earl of Braedalbane,
Lord Torphichen,
Right Hon. Henry Dundas,
Andrew Houſton, Eſq; of Calderhall,
Colonel Campbell of Blythſwood,
Colonel Campbell of Monzie,
Captain Dick of Preſtonfield,
Captain Campbell of Lochnell,
Captain Douglas of Cockburn,
Geo. Baillie, Eſq; younger of Jerviſwood,
Thomas Kennedy, Eſq; of Dunure.

At this meeting it was agreed to augment the number of members from 50 to 60.

We hear from Hawick, that at the tryſt for cattle held there the 19th, 20th, and 21ſt inſtant, black cattle ſold at very high prices.

We hear from Alloa, that the Farmer Club of Clackmannanſhire having intimated their annual Ploughing Match for Friday the 21ſt current, to be performed on a field in the neighbourhood of Alloa, 32 ploughs ſtarted that day, having taken their ſtations on the field by lot. After they had performed their taſks, they left the field, when the judges determined the lots ploughed by Robert M'Gowan, ploughman to John Francis Erſkine of Mar, Eſq;—Allan Gilbert, ploughman to Mr Stein of Kennetpans to be the beſt work, and the premiums adjudged to theſe ploughmen accordingly. The premium adjudged to Robert M'Gowan, as Victor, was a ſilver medal, having the plough engraved on the one ſide, and on the other an inſcription expreſſive of the donation from the Farmer Club, to the merit of the Victor. The ſecondary premiums were adjudged to the other three, according to their merit. A number of gentlemen who attended on the occaſion, expreſſed much ſatisfaction to ſee the advantages accruing to agriculture from this inſtitution. After the match was over, a private match, betwixt Mr Stein and Mr Reoch, in drawing the ſtraighteſt line with the plough, was determined in favours of Mr Reoch. This is ſurely a much more laudable way of ſporting money, than horſe-racing, cock-fighting, &c.

Wedneſday, Richard Davies, condemned at laſt Circuit Court, Glaſgow, to be hanged on the 9th of November, received a reſpite during his Majeſty's pleaſure.

COUNTY OF AYR, OCTOBER 25.

This day, the meeting of the county was held, to conſider the bill for diminiſhing the number, and augmenting the ſalaries of the Lords of Seſſion. There was one of the moſt reſpectable meetings that has been upon any occaſion, conſiſting of the Earl of Loudoun, Sir William Cuninghame of Robertland, Sir William Cuninghame of Caprington, Col. Montgomerie, Mr Boſwell of Auchinleck, Mr Hamilton of Sundrum, Mr Hunter-Blair, Mr Campbell of Fairfield, Major Dunlop of Dunlop, Mr Fullarton of Roſemount, Mr Kennedy of Dunure, Col. Crawford of Crawfordland, Mr Reid-Cuninghame of Auchenharvie, Mr Hamilton of Grange, Mr Fairlie of Fairlie, Mr Ballantine of Ayr, Mr Smith of Drongan, Mr M'Creadie of Pearſtown, Robert Baillie, Eſq; Mr Reid of Adamton, Mr Campbell of Auchmanoch, Captain Macghie, Mr Shaw Stewart, Mr Mackerrell of Hillhouſe, Mr Andrew Blane, and Mr Moor of Blairſtone.

Col. Montgomerie was put in the chair.

The debate was opened by Col. *Crawford*, who maintained, that the bill was an attempt to infringe the articles of the Union; but that we ſhould conſent to that infringement, upon condition of obtaining the ineſtimable privilege of a trial by jury in civil cauſes, as in England. The Colonel enlarged on that privilege as eſtabliſhed by Alfred the Great, and continued to this day. He ſaid, he had himſelf occaſion to know the different modes of carrying on law-ſuits in Scotland and in England, and ſhewed how much better it was in England. He then read a petition to Parliament againſt the bill, unleſs trials by jury were granted, which he moved ſhould be approved of by the county.

Mr *Fairlie* of Fairlie ſeconded the motion, and ſupported the Colonel's opinion as to trial by jury, with ſteady good ſenſe.

Mr *Boſwell* ſaid, as he had made the motion for calling this meeting, he thought it incumbent on him to mention his reaſons for it. He inſiſted warmly on the articles of the Union being ſacred, and out of the power of the Britiſh Parliament; repeated the arguments in his *letter to the people of Scotland*, and expreſſed an indignation at the manner in which the country had been treated, by the attempt to hurry ſuch a bill through Parliament, which certainly would have been the caſe, had not thoſe who were combined in the meaſure been checked. He ſhowed how much Scotland was obliged to Sir William Auguſtus Cunninghame, Mr Eden, and Sir Matthew White Ridley, for their oppoſition to the bill. He then moved his *firſt* reſolution, on the articles of the Union being immutable without the conſent of the people of Scotland *(See Advertiſement, 1ſt page of this paper)*, which paſſed unanimouſly.

He next moved his *ſecond* reſolution, *(See ſame page)* which originally bore, that the attempt was "unwiſe, raſh, and inſolent."

Mr *Hunter-Blair* (Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh) defended thoſe who had made the attempt, alledging that they did not think it an infringement of the articles of the Union, and that a member of Parliament ought not to be cenſured for bringing in any bill which he thinks right. He ſaid that there was ſoon to be a publication from that quarter, ſtating the matter to the country, and he thought it would be proper to delay proceeding farther till that ſhould be conſidered.

Mr Hamilton of Sundrum, Mr Kennedy of Dunure, Mr Fairlie of Fairlie, and ſeveral other gentlemen, who were for a reſolution of *cenſure*, thought the words rather too ſevere. Mr Boſwell ſaid, he was ſenſible hard words could do no good: He had expreſſed his own feelings, for we had been ſhamefully uſed: He was willing that any other words ſhould be ſubſtituted, provided the meaning was conveyed. He was happy to obſerve the ſpirited reſolves of the county of Linlithgow; and he ſhould be ſorry if this great county did not ſhew that we are not ſuch paſſive mules as ſeems to have been ſuppoſed. The words were altered to "moſt improper and diſreſpectful." He added, we ſhould now cenſure what was paſt. If thoſe who were juſtly cenſured ſhould afterwards make an apology, we might receive it.

Mr *Hunter-Blair* inſiſted for a vote, which was put, and he found himſelf ſupported by Mr Campbell of Fairfield, Mr Smith of Drongan, and Mr Blane of Blaneſield, againſt all the reſt of the meeting.

The *third* reſolution gave riſe to a long debate, which was ably ſupported on both ſides. The queſtion was, whether to inſiſt explicitly on a trial by jury *alone*, or to add (as moved by Mr Fairlie) ſome other mode of improvement in the procedure of the Court of Seſſion. It was argued on the one ſide, that it was *impoſſible* to have any mode ſo good as a trial by jury. On the other ſide, that, *perhaps*, ſomething as good, or better, might be propoſed, and we ought not to preclude ourſelves. On the queſtion being put, it carried by *one*, to adopt Mr Fairlie's addition.

Mr *Blane* of Blaneſield, though he voted for the addition, ſpoke with warmth on the excellency of a trial by jury, and (looking to Mr Boſwell) ſaid, the man who ſhould obtain it for this country would deſerve a ſtatue of gold.

The meeting adjourned to the firſt Tueſday of December, againſt which day the promiſed *publication* may be expected, and the county will then determine whether they will *petition* Parliament.

Extract of a letter from Kelſo, Oct. 28.

"Tueſday morning we had a fall of ſnow; ever ſince the weather has been uncommonly cold for the ſeaſon, and the ſnow ſtill lies upon the hills.

"On Tueſday laſt the Sheriff of Roxburghſhire determined a cauſe of general importance, finding the defendant in the proceſs liable in damages and expences, for refuſing the copper coin of his preſent Majeſty.

"On Tueſday laſt, the Synod of Merſe and Tiviotdale was opened here, by an elegant ſermon from the Rev. Mr Charters, miniſter of Wilton; and Mr Sharp, of Hawick, was choſen Moderator. The firſt buſineſs of conſequence which came before the Synod was, a petition from the Rev. Mr Maclagan, ſtating, that his pariſhioners were deterred from attending public worſhip in the church of Melroſe, by certain evil diſpoſed perſons throwing ſtones, and otherwiſe violently aſſaulting them,

and praying that the Synod would take such measures as might prevent such proceedings for the future. After hearing Mr Maclagan in support of the petition, the Synod unanimously agreed to authorize the Clerk to write to the Procurator of the Church for his advice, and request him to apply to the Crown Officers for their assistance in bringing to condign punishment the authors of such riots, if any such shall happen again. An appeal taken by Mr Maclagan against the sentence of the Presbytery of Selkirk, was next heard, finding that the elders of Melrose, who were prosecutors of Mr Maclagan, deserve a *mild* censure, for their conduct in that process, and declaring them incapable of acting as elders in time coming. Mr Maclagan objected to the sentence, as seeming to give countenance to so detestable a vice as calumny, by declaring it only deserved a *mild* censure, and as not being sufficiently explicit whether the *quondam* elders could be admitted to church privileges, or not. The Synod unanimously agreed to depose the elders from their office, and to declare them unworthy of church privileges till they should give signs of repentance and amendment. An appeal was then heard, taken by an elder of Morebattle, and several heads of families, against the sentence of the Presbytery of Kelso, sustaining a call to the Rev. Mr Richardson of Oxnam, to be minister of Morebattle.—The Synod unanimously affirmed the sentence complained of, upon which an appeal was taken to the General Assembly."

LAMBERTON RACES.

On Tuesday, a purse of 50 l. was run for over Lamberton Edge, and won by

Sir G. H. Liddell's bay horse, Dunse,	1	1
Mr Morrison's bay mare, Blameless,	2	2

On Wednesday a Silver Cup was run for over the same course, and won by

Mr Turner's bay horse, Stay-till-I-come,	3	1 1
Mr Renton's Sober Johnny,	1	dist.
Mr Robertson's bay horse, Balloon,	2	dist.
Mr Richardson's bay gelding, Roebuck,	dist.	
Mr Cowan's bay mare, -	dist.	

Thursday, the Hunters Sweepstakes was to be run for over the same course by

Mr Renton's bay horse, Northumberland, to be rode by Sir James Baird.

Mr Richardson's bay gelding, Roebuck, by Captain Dick.

Mr Robertson's black mare, Gorum, by Mr George Johnston.

Mr Baird's bay horse, Freedom.

IRISH STATE LOTTERY, for the Year 1785.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY'S DRAWING.

No. 2319, 20,000 l. No. 8441, 361, 100 l. each. No. 4434, 10,908, 31,152, 4582, 11,612, 50 l. each. No. 7057, 14,731, 22,801, 8559, 16,403, 5337, 9620, 27,851, 27,852, 20 l. each.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY'S DRAWING.

No. 23,842, 2193, 50 l. each. No. 13,793, 27,448, 14,508, 31,256, 2050, 11,935, 22,367, 20 l. each.

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THE Creditors of the deceased Alexander Goodlet, Inn-keeper at Mid Calder, are desired to give in their grounds of debt against the defunct, with their oaths of verity thereon, to Peter Nicol merchant in Mid-Calder, or Robert Renton writer in Edinburgh, between and the 10th November next, otherwise they will be cut out of any share of the defunct's funds. Not to be repeated.

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A General Meeting of the PROPRIETORS of the HIGH STREET, where the late alterations have been made, is appointed to be held on Monday, October 31st, at twelve o'clock noon, in St John's Lodge Room. As matters of considerable importance will be laid before the meeting, it is hoped that all concerned will attend.

TO THE PUBLIC.

ALL-HALLOW FAIR of this City, formerly advertised in this paper to be held on the 7th of November next, proceeded from a mistake: And the same is to be held on Monday the 14th day of November next, to begin at twelve o'clock noon, and to continue the usual time.

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TO be SOLD by public roup, at the Whale-Fishing Company's Loft, in the Timber Buss, Leith, upon Tuesday the 1st of November, at twelve o'clock noon,

The WHALE-BONE of five sizeable and four under-size Fish, caught by the ship Raith this season. Specifications of the Bone, and articles of sale are to be seen in the hands of Thomas Walker and Sons, Quality Street, who will show the Bone any day before the roup.

At Inveraray, the 18th October, 1785.

THE Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Supply of Argyleshire considering, that the recommendation of the General Meeting of the 30th April last, for suppressing smuggling in this county, has not been much attended to, as that illicit practice is still continued on the West Coast to a very great extent; the Meeting, therefore, with a view of discouraging that pernicious traffic, as much as they can, have resolved, and it is hereby recommended in the most earnest manner, that the Heritors, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and principal Tacksmen in the different districts of this county, use their utmost endeavour, by every lawful means, to prevent smuggling; and to find out the persons concerned in that illicit trade, and give pointed informations against the delinquents, and their own assistance to the next revenue officer, not only of the place or places where such illicit goods may be landed or secured, but also against the owners thereof, and of the vessels employed therein, to the end that the goods may be seized, and prosecutions brought against the offenders in his Majesty's Court of Exchequer. And, that none may pretend ignorance of this resolution, the Clerk is appointed to publish the same in the Edinburgh and Glasgow newspapers; and likewise to transmit extracts hereof to the Clerks of the different districts in Argyleshire, that the same may be published as soon as possible. Extracted from the minutes of the said meeting by

LACH. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

TO BE SOLD,

THE Lands and Estate of PITRICHIE, holden of the Crown, lying in the parish of Udney, and county of Aberdeen.

For further particulars, application to be made to William Macdonald writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

JUDICIAL SALE

Of a TENEMENT of HOUSES in Dumfries, and a PARK in the Burgh-Roods thereof.

TO be SOLD within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 29th day of November 1785, between the hours of five and seven in the afternoon,

The SUBJECTS after mentioned, which belonged to Isobel Mackie, spouse to David Johnston, Captain-Lieutenant of his Majesty's marine forces lately in America, daughter to the deceased John Mackie writer in Dumfries, and the said Captain David Johnston for his interest.

LOT I. The TENEMENT of LAND and HOUSES, called the BLUE BELL TAVERN in Dumfries, yard, barn, stables, and other pertinents thereto belonging.

The proven rental thereof is 37 l. and the proven value, at eleven years purchase of that rent, (which is appointed to be the upset price), is 407 l.

These subjects hold burgage of the town of Dumfries, for performing the burgh services used and wont, and are conveniently situated, either to be possessed as private lodgings or as a tavern.

LOT II. A PARK or INCLOSURE of LAND in the Burgh Roods of Dumfries, in that part called Cowie's Holes, consisting of two acres or thereby.

The proven rental thereof, after all deductions, is 5 l. 3 s. 8 d. 8-12ths, and the proven value, at twenty-four years purchase of that rent, (which is appointed to be the upset price, is 134 l. 9 s. 4 d.

These subjects also hold burgage of the town of Dumfries, for payment of 3 s. 4 d. Scots yearly for the first acre thereof, and performing burgage services used and wont, and are conveniently situated near the burgh of Dumfries.

The articles of roup and title-deeds are to be seen in the office of Alexander Stevenson depute-clerk of Session; and persons wanting further information may apply to Hugh Corrie writer to the signet, agent in the sale, or John Aiken junior, writer in Dumfries, the factor.

AT LONDON—FOR LEITH, THE MARY,

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Now lying in the harbour of Greenock, ready to take on board goods and will be clear to sail by the tenth of December.

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N. B. The time of these ships sailing may be depended upon.

Exchequer Chambers, Edinburgh,

AUGUST 2. 1785.

EMÆLIA HEPBURN, eldest daughter of Ebenezer Hepburn, sometime Merchant and Provost of Dumfries, having presented a petition to the Court of Exchequer, for a gift of *Ultimus Heres*, of a Dwelling-house, with the garret, cellars, and other privileges and pertinents belonging thereto, with the rents, mails, and duties thereof, from and since Whitsunday 1784, and in time coming, as contained in a disposition of the said house in favour of Mrs Janet Gordon, relict of Mr Thomas M'Kennel minister of the gospel at Urr, whereupon she stood infeft conform to instrument of sasine, recorded at Dumfries 28th September 1778. The Barons have ordered this intimation thereof to be given.

NOTICE

To the DEBTORS and CREDITORS of the late JAMES DONALD Druggist in Edinburgh.

SUCH as were indebted to the said James Donald are requested to pay up their debts to David Donald at the Laboratory, north side of the Guard, Edinburgh, executor confirmed to the said James Donald his brother; and all such as have demands against the said James Donald are desired to transmit exact notes of the same to the said David Donald, in order that the same may be settled.

N. B. Business carried on at said Laboratory as formerly.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE Trustees for the CREDITORS of ALEXANDER REID Wright, at the Water of Leith, give notice, That there is to be a meeting of the said creditors to be held in John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday next the 2d November, at 12 o'clock noon; and as matters of importance are to be submitted to their consideration, it is expected that all concerned will attend.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JOHN BAIRNER and JAMES FLEEMING, Victual Dealers in the county of Fife.

THAT upon the 3d August last, the Court of Session sequestrated the whole estate real and personal of the said John Bairner and James Fleeming, in terms of the late statute; and at a general meeting of their creditors, held on the 12th October instant, Gilbert Grierson, merchant in Leith, was elected trustee, and his appointment has since been confirmed by the Lord Ordinary on the bills.

The trustee, therefore, in terms of the statute, hereby requires the whole creditors of the said John Bairner and James Fleeming, to lodge with him their claims and vouchers of debt, with oaths on the verity thereon, betwixt and the 3d May next, being the day within nine kalender months, from the date of the interlocutor awarding the sequestration; with certification to those who shall neglect to comply with this requisition, that they shall not be intitled to any share in the first distribution of the bankrupts sequestrated estate. Not to be repeated.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JAMES SMALL, Plough Wright at Foord.

A SEQUESTRATION of the estate real and personal of the said James Small having been awarded on the 10th of August last, George Anderson farmer at Turnadykes was chosen trustee thereon, at the general meeting of Creditors held at Edinburgh, upon the 21st September last; and his election has been confirmed by the Lord Ordinary on the bills.

He now, in terms of the statute, hereby requires all the Creditors of the bankrupt to lodge with him their claims, vouchers, and grounds of debt, with their oaths for proving the same, as directed by the act, betwixt and the 10th day of May next, being nine kalendar months from the date of awarding the sequestration. Certifying those Creditors who shall neglect to comply with this requisition, that they shall not be entitled to any share in the first distribution of the debtor's funds.

SALE OF SUBJECTS AT DUNBAR.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the house of Mr Lorimer vintner in Dunbar, upon Thursday the 1st of December next, between the hours of twelve mid-day, and one o'clock afternoon, the following subjects, sometime belonging to the deceased John Pollock merchant in Dunbar, afterwards to John Pollock merchant in Edinburgh, and conveyed by him to his creditors, in the following Lots:

LOT I. All and Whole that Large TENEMENT of Land, consisting of three stories and garrets, with the adjoining back Houses and Garden, lying on the west side and fronting the High-street of Dunbar.

This Tenement, lying immediately opposite to the Cross of the town, is exceedingly well calculated for carrying on business; and has been rebuilt within these seven years, at an expence of about 600 l. Sterling.

Upset-price, L. 450 0 0

LOT II. That PARK called FRIAR's CROFT, consisting of five English acres or thereby, with the Pigeon-house upon the same; presently possessed by Mr Lorimer, at the yearly rent of 15 l. 10 s. Upset-price, 400 0 0

This park is bounded by Dunbar gardens on one of the sides of it, and is well fenced with a stone-wall all around; the soil being dry and of an exceedingly rich quality, is well adapted either for corn crops or grass; and its situation so near to Dunbar, renders the same very commodious and valuable.

The pigeon-house on it, being somewhat out of repair, is not included in this rental; it formerly yielded 3 l. of yearly rent, and might be put into order at a very trifling expence.

LOT III. A Small PARK lying near the Wynd Well of Dunbar, called PETER's, *alias* COUNTESS CROFT, consisting of one acre or thereby, English measure; presently possessed by Mr Cuningham, at the rent of 3 l. 6 s. Sterling. Upset-price, - - 90 0 0

This subject lies within a few yards of the last Lot. The soil is a very dry, deep rich loam, well adapted either for grass or corn crops. From its situation, lying low and well sheltered, and affording an excellent side or stretch for a fruit-wall, it would answer extremely well for a garden. It is inclosed on three sides, with a strong thriving hedge; and the stone fence on the north side, though at present out of repair, could be put in proper order at no great expence.

LOT IV. The BARN and BARN-YARD lying at the foot thereof, and on the east side of the High-street of Dunbar, possessed by John Burnet, at the rent of 4 l. 5 s. Upset-price, - - 85 0 0

L. 1025 0 0

The articles of roup and title-deeds, are in the hands of John Peat writer in Edinburgh, trustee for the creditors; to whom any person wishing further information may apply.

To SELL, and part to LET, and entered to at Whitsunday 1786, either in whole or in part as purchasers incline,

A Genteel, large, commodious, new-built HOUSE, with the mansion-house of BEELMONTH, well repaired; a new gardener's house, pleasure-house, offices, cellars, and gardens well stocked with fruit-trees of the best kinds; an excellent pump-well in the back area, all in the best repair; together with a small park of good pasture-ground, well inclosed, lying in front of said houses; also four areas of pleasure-ground and gardens, with an avenue leading up to the same, fit to accommodate three genteel families, pleasantly situated in the middle of Belhaven, near the town of Dunbar, commanding an extensive fine view of the sea, Lord Hadinton's house and plantings, and all the country round. The premisses are convenient for bathing, being near to the sea, and much frequented in the summer season, on account of their healthy and pleasant situation. The stage-coaches from Edinburgh to Dunbar and Berwick, go within a little way of them.

Such as intend to purchase or take the same may apply to John Ker, the proprietor, at Dunbar, or to Mr James Gray, writer, scale-stairs, Flesh market Close, Edinburgh. Not to be repeated.

LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF PERTH

TO BE SOLD—BY ADJOURNMENT.

THERE will be exposed to SALE by public roup, under authority of the Lords of Council and Session, within the Parliament or New Session-house of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 30th day of November 1785, betixt the hours of four and eight in the afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills, at a reduced price,

Those parts of the Lands and Estate of KILGRASTON, still remaining unsold, being Lot III. called the lands of KIRKPOTTIE, MEIKLE-FIELDIES, and CLOCHRIDGESTONE, lying contiguous in the parish of Dron, and within four miles of the town of Perth. They consist of 676 acres 1 rood 36 falls, 264 acres 3 roods and 9 falls whereof have been planted, in the view of building a Mansion-house. The plantations are in high order, and the lands hold of the Crown, and the proprietor will be entitled to vote at the election of a member of Parliament for the county.

The free proven rent of this Lot, after deducing public burdens, is 208 l. 15 s. 5 d. 11-12ths.—The woods upon the lands are valued at 1334 l.; and the upset price, including the value of the wood, will be 5334 l. 6 s. 7 d. 6-12ths.

The articles of roup are to be seen at the office of Mr John Callender, depute-clerk of Session; and the progress of writs, rentals and plans of the lands, will be shown by William Lumsdaine, clerk to the signet, who will inform as to other particulars.—John Rutherford, jun. writer in Perth, the present factor, will also show rentals, and William Chalmers at Kilgraston will show the grounds.

JUDICIAL SALE.

TO be SOLD within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 23d November 1785, between the hours of four and seven o'clock in the afternoon,

The following LANDS and ESTATE which belonged to the deceased George Sinclair of Stircock, in the two following lots, viz.

LOT I. The Lands of WEDDERCLETT and UPPER and NETHER HAUSTERS, with the teinds and pertinents thereof, lying within the parish of Wick and shire of Caithness.

The proven rent whereof, after all deductions, is 70 l. 16 s. 10 d. 3-12ths Sterling; and the proven value of these lands, being twenty-one years purchase of said rent, is 1645 l. 3 s. 11 d. 5-12ths Sterling. These lands of Wedderclett and Hausters hold of the Crown.

LOT II. The Lands of STIRCOCK and MILL thereof, BLINGARY, HAUSQUOY, GRAYSTONES, and ACHAIRN, with the teinds and pertinents thereof, lying within the said parish of Wick and shire of Caithness.

The proven rent whereof, after all deductions, is 87 l. 8 s. 1 d. 11-12ths Sterling; and the proven value of these lands, being twenty-one years purchase of said rent, is 1835 l. 11 s. 5 d. 1-12th Sterling. These lands of Stircock and others hold feu of Mr Sinclair of Barrock, for payment of an yearly feu-duty of 4 l. 6 s. 2 d. Scots.

The whole of this estate lies at a distance of about only from two to three English miles from the royal burgh of Wick; and from the mosses on this estate, which are inexhaustible, the inhabitants of that burgh are in a great measure supplied with peats for firing. The lands themselves are of very considerable extent, and are capable of great improvement; and there is a great appearance of finding lime-stone upon these lands.

The articles of sale, and title-deeds of the different lands, may be seen at the office of Mr Keith Dunbar, depute clerk of Session; and copies of the proven rental may be got from William Sinclair writer to the signet, to whom persons chusing to be informed of further particulars may apply.

SALE OF LANDS IN AYR-SHIRE.

TO be SOLD by public auction, upon Wednesday the 2d day of November next, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon, within the house of Robert Wharton vintner in Ayr, and to be entered to at Martinmas,

All and Whole the Lands and Baronies of ORANGEFIELD, Prestickshaw, farm of Shields, and part of Sandyford, all lying contiguous, within the parishes of Monktown and St Quivox, and shire of Ayr.—With the superiorities of Mill-quarter, Blackhouse, and of certain other lands held of the proprietor of Orangefield.

This estate consists of above 1200 acres of very rich arable land, well inclosed and subdivided, besides above 70 acres of plantations, of which about 60 acres are from 32 to 25 years old, all in a thriving condition. The present free yearly rent, including the feu-duties, amounts to 1351 l. 17 s. 3 d. Sterling.

There are two large commodious mansion-houses, with offices, and gardens, upon the estate, and it is pleasantly and conveniently situated, near the sea-coast, within three miles of Ayr and nine miles of Irvine and Kilmarnock; to each of which towns there is easy communication by good turnpike roads. There has been coal found in different parts of the estate, though it never has been wrought.

The Barony of Orangefield holds of the Crown, and is valued in the cess-books of the county at 748 l. Scots.

If the estate is not sold together, it will be exposed in the following lots.

LOT I. The Farms of High and Low Monktownhills, Farleys, and Hobsland, containing about 194 acres; and presently rented at 134 l. 8 s. per annum. These lands are low rented, and will rise considerably in a few years, when the present tacks expire. And being part of the barony of Orangefield, hold of the Crown, and will be entitled to a proportion of the valuation, when divided, correspondent to the rent.

LOT II. The Barony of Prestick-shaw, and farms of Shields and Sandyfoord; consisting of about 426 acres, besides belts and plantations; the free yearly rent whereof is 487 l. 2 s. 4 d. 8-12ths Sterl. On this lot there is a Mansion-house, consisting of ten fire-rooms neatly finished, and in good order, with offices, all built within these few years, to which the purchaser may enter into the natural possession at Martinmas; together with upwards of 80 acres of land about the house, which are out of tack. The whole of this lot holds of subjects superior, and there is only 5 s. of feu-duty payable for Sandyford. The lands of Prestick-shaw and Shields hold blench.

LOT III. The remainder of the estate on which the Mansion-house of Orangefield stands, consisting of about 580 acres, with the superiorities of Townhead, and a variety of small possessions feued off from the estate of Orangefield. The present free yearly rent of this lot, including the feu-duties, amounts to 725 l. 16 s. 6d. And upon it there are commodious offices, and excellent gardens, well stocked with fruit trees of different kinds.

LOT IV. The Superiorities of Boghall, Blackhouse, &c. belonging to Mr Alexander, and Mill-quarter, &c. now Craigie-house, belonging to Mr Campbell of Craigie. The lands of Boghall are valued in the cess-books at 531 l. 8 s. Scots, and pay a yearly feu-duty of 1 l. 2 s. 6 d. Sterling to the superior. Mill-quarter is valued in the cess-books at 208 l. 9 d. and pays a yearly feu-duty of 3 l. 7 s. 10 d. Sterling to the superior.

Copies of the rental, inventaries of the titles-deeds, and articles of roup, will be seen in the hands of Thomas Adair clerk to the signet at Edinburgh, and Charles Shaw writer in Ayr; and the lands will be shown by the proprietor, or John Murdoch writer in Ayr, factor upon the state; to either of whom, persons wishing to be informed of further particulars may apply.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE trustees upon the sequestrated estate of GEORGE MELLIS, late merchant in Huntly, request a general meeting of his creditors, or their agents properly authorised, upon Thursday 10th November next, at twelve o'clock noon, within the house of Mrs Mellis, vintner in Huntly, in order to determine with regard to a proposal made on the part of the bankrupt, at the general meeting of the creditors on 15th September last; and to take under consideration other matters of importance relative to his affairs, as to which the trustees desire the advice of the creditors.

SALE OF LANDS IN STIRLING-SHIRE.

TO be SOLD by public auction, within the Coffeehouse of Stirling, upon Friday the 4th day of November next, between the hours of three and four o'clock afternoon,

The Lands of STONNYWOOD and MACMURDOCH, lying in the parish of Denny, and shire of Stirling, which lately belonged to John Johnston of Stonnywood, and may be entered to at Martinmas next.

These lands consist of 20 acres of ground or thereby, partly arable, and partly meadow, all properly inclosed, beside a proportional part of Dennymuir not yet divided; hold of a subject superior for a trifling feu-duty; are delightfully situated on the river Carron, opposite to Herbertshire policy, and excellently calculated for a distillery. They have been several years in the natural possession of the late proprietor, who carried on the distillery business, and are now in excellent heart and condition. There is a mansion-house on the grounds and good offices, with an excellent garden, and several clumps of thriving planting well advanced, at a little distance from the house, all within a mile of the village of Denny, and the great road from Stirling to Glasgow.

Also to be Sold, at such sum as shall be agreed upon, an yearly annuity of EIGHT POUNDS TEN SHILLINGS STERLING, during the lifetime of Katharine Galloway, spouse of said John Johnston, which was secured by John Lamb her former husband, and now falls under the *jus mariti* of said John Johnston.

The title-deeds and articles of sale to be seen in the hands of James Wright, writer in Stirling.

Lands in the Counties of Peebles and Dumfries.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the New Exchange Coffeehouse, in Edinburgh, upon Monday the 28th day of November next, at five o'clock afternoon,

The Lands of NETHER HORSBRUGH and GABERSTON, lying in the parish of Innerleithan and county of Peebles; and the Lands of ELLIESLAND, lying in the parish of Dunscore, and county of Dumfries. These lands consist of three exceeding good farms, all holding of the Crown, and each entitling to vote for a member to serve in Parliament. They are under leases to substantial tenants, and must rise very considerably in their rents, particularly the two first, which are let for large grassums, and at low rents. The present rents are, for Nether Horsbrugh, 140 l. 8 s. 5 d. 4-12ths; for Caberston, 166 l.; and for Eliesland, 50 l.

The tenants will show the lands; and the title-deeds, articles of roup, &c. are to be seen in the hands of John Tait, writer to the signet, Shakespeare's Square, Edinburgh, to whom any person may apply, who wishes to purchase by private bargain.

TO be SOLD by roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 29th day of November, 1785, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon,

The Lands and Barony of DURIE, comprehending

the lands of Scoonie, Balgrummo, Bambeath, and Balcurvie; the Town of Leven, with the Harbour and Port thereof, and shore and other dues there collected, and the Salmon and other fishings on both sides of the water of Leven, and in the sea at the mouth of that water, all lying contiguous, in the parishes of Scoonie and Markinsh, county of Fife.

This estate, holding of the Crown, is of considerable extent, pleasantly situate on the east coast of Fife, ten miles east from Kinghorn, and within a mile of the town of Leven; of an excellent soil, and mostly inclosed and subdivided with hedges in a very thriving condition; and there is coal and marl upon it, and lime in the neighbourhood.

The present rental of the estate, after deduction of all public burdens, amounts to above 1220 l. Sterling. A considerable part of it presently out of lease, will let at an advanced rent; and when the current leases expire, a few years hence, a further rise may be expected. The farm houses are all in good repair, many of them lately built.

The mansion-house of Durie lately built, is elegant and modern, fit for the accommodation of any gentleman's family. It commands an extensive and beautiful prospect of the adjacent country, the frith of Forth, and opposite coast of Lothian; and there are fine gardens and convenient offices of every kind in good repair.

This estate, from its vicinity to the sea, situate on the water of Leven, in a plentiful and populous country, and capable of much improvement, is a most desirable purchase. There are woods and belts of planting upon it of considerable value, in a thriving condition.

For further particulars apply to Alexander Farquharson accomptant in Edinburgh, or Cornelius Elliot writer to the signet, who will show the progress of writs and plans of the estate, with the rent-roll, current leases, and conditions of sale.

Andrew Buist gardener at Durie house, will show the estate.

Sale of Lands in Dumfries-shire.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 14th of December 1785, betwixt the hours of five and six o'clock afternoon,

The Lands of HOTTS, BETWIXT-THE-WATERS, FOULTOWN and others, with the pertinents, which belonged to the deceased Dr George Bell, lying in the parish of Middlebie, stewartry of Annandale, and sheriffdom of Dumfries, in the following Lots:

LOT I. The Lands of Betwixt-the-Waters, as presently possessed by Mrs Bell and Andrew Little; and the Lands of Foultown, as presently possessed by Richard Irving, at the upset-price of L. 2000 0 0

This Lot includes a considerable quantity of valuable old timber, estimated by skilful persons to be worth upwards of 300 l. besides several thriving young plantations. The mansion-house, garden, and orchard, are also situated on this lot. The whole will be out of lease at Candlemas and Whitsunday next, when the purchaser may enter to the natural possession, if he thinks proper. The lands will let for upwards of 80 l. of yearly rent, on a 15 years lease.

LOT II. The Lands of Hotts, as presently possessed by Christopher Smith and John Lawson, at the upset-price of L. 1050 0 0

The tack of those lands expires at Candlemas 1788; the present yearly rent is 45 l. 8 s. 3 d. besides casualties. The late Mr Bell paid 1300 l. for them, about 12 years ago, and they have since been considerably improved.

LOT III. The Lands of Whitelees, as presently possessed by William Rae, at the upset-price of - - L. 450 0 0

LOT IV. The Lands of Gilmartin, presently possessed by William Little, at the like upset-price of L. 450 0 0

The tacks of these two farms are current for four years after Candlemas and Whitsunday next, at the yearly rent of 171 l. 10 s. each, besides casualties. As they are capable of great improvement, a considerable rise of rent may be expected on the expiry of the leases. The crops on these lands, and on the whole estate, have been, for these many years past, uncommonly good, and the tenants are very thriving; the situation of the lands, being in every respect convenient, both for procuring the means of improvement and disposing of the produce.

The whole estate is held of a subject-superior for payment of a trifling feu-duty, and the tenants pay all public burdens, except the stipend, which is 3 l. 4 s. 7 d. yearly.

The articles of roup, progress of writs, searches of encumberances, and rental, are to be seen in the hands of Alexander Young writer in Edinburgh. The tacks and plans of the estate are lodged with Mr George Richardson of Pearsbyhall, who will show the lands; and copies of the articles and rental with Mr James Graham writer in Dumfries; to any of whom persons wanting further information may apply.

Offers for a private sale of the whole estate will be received any time before the day of roup.

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